



Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

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7th Church of Christ Scientist Landmark Nomination Approved

By Leanne Olson
QAHS Landmarks Preservation Comm.

On May 6, 2009, a Landmark Nomination for the (former) 7th Church of Christ, Scientist, located at 2555 8th Avenue West, which was designed by Harlan Thomas (Thomas & Grainger) in 1926, was presented to the City of Seattle Landmarks Board at their semi-monthly meeting. The nomination was made by Larry Johnson, AIA, principal of The Johnson Partnership, with the assistance of Queen Anne Historical Society Landmarks Preservation Committee members, Char Eggleston and Leanne Olson.

All eleven landmark board members were present and voted unanimously to approve the nomination, based on the building meeting three of the six designation criteria specified by the City of Seattle Landmarks ordinance.



Photo by Leanne Olson

The board agreed that the property meets criteria D, E and F because it em-

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THE ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION CREATING A CENTENNIAL WED. MAY 27, 7:30 PM

Helen Divjak, from the Museum of History and Industry, will present another view of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in this Part II to the April 8 program. Resurrecting the AYPE experience has been a fascinating journey for MOHAI as well as Historylink, the University of Washington and other Northwest organizations.

Ms. Divjak has her master's degree in history and has worked with MOHAI on a number of public history projects. She currently manages the museum's Public Programs Department. She has published a history of the Fremont neighborhood and volunteers time for local heritage groups and AKCHO.

Join your friends and neighbors for this free and fascinating program about the centennial of the A-Y-P Exposition. This is also our Society's annual meeting and election of trustees.

Wed., May 27, 2009, 7:30 pm, Free
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett

Queen Anne Historical Society meetings are generally free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated. For more information contact Leona Wilkinson, 206-438-2740.



The Streets of Cairo exhibit in the 1909 AYPE Paystreak—the carnival area.

Hear Ye! It's Past Time to Renew!

By now you should have renewed your annual membership for 2009. If your mailing label says "2008EXP" your membership has expired! Please use the coupon on page 3 or go on-line to renew now —this will be your last mailing. We want your support. Questions?

Call Membership Chair, Tara Lawrence, 206-281-8430, tara@qahistory.org.



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CALENDAR OF HERITAGE EVENTS

Wed. May. 27, 2009

QAHS Program: The Centennial of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Part II—MOHAI's Role in the Centennial, by Helen Divjak. Also our society's Annual Meeting and election of board members. McClure Middle School Library, 7:00 pm. Free/Donations appreciated. (See story page one.)

Sat. June 13, 2009

Walking Tour: The annual Mt. Pleasant Cemetery historical walking tour. 7th Ave W. and W. Raye St., 10 am. Free/Donations appreciated.

Sat. Aug. 8, 2009

Walking Tour: A special AYPE Centennial walking tour on Queen Anne, visiting buildings connected to the 1909 exposition. Time and starting point TBD. See website or QA News. Free/Donations appreciated.

Wed. Sept. 30, 2009 (Note date change)

QAHS Program: A special dinner program at the Swedish Cultural Center. The evening includes a social hour, an authentic Swedish dinner and a program on the Swedish community's role in the AYP Exposition. 1920 Dexter Ave. N. Time TBD. Dinner price and details to be announced later. (See story page 3)

Wed. Nov. 18, 2009 (Note date and time change)

QAHS Program: Preservation as part of today's green building movement. McClure Middle School Library, 7:00 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

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bodies distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, it is an outstanding work of a designer and it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood.

The decision to designate the church an official City of Seattle Landmark will be voted on by the Landmark Board at their June 17 meeting. Prior to that time, they will be invited to tour the building.

The Queen Anne Historical Society would like to express gratitude to the current owners of the property (The Seattle Church of Christ and Minister Jay Kelley), for their enthusiastic support of the nomination, and to Larry Johnson, AIA, principal of The Johnson Partnership for generously providing his professional services to the Society on a pro-bono basis.

We also thank the many Queen Anne community members and representatives of heritage organizations who submitted letters of support for the nomination. This is a great step forward towards preserving this beautiful building.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Walking Tour Set for Sat. June 13, 10 am

The Society's 13th annual walking tour of our local historical cemetery, Mount Pleasant, will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 10 am.

This year's tour will build on the centennial themes of the AYP Exposition and Queen Anne High School, both now 100 years old.

Kim Turner has put together an eclectic group of cemetery tour sites to note various centennials and to illustrate his favorite theme: that every person has a life story to be told.

Bring your hats and walking shoes and **be at the cemetery entrance at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St. at 10 am on June 13th.** The ground is uneven, so be prepared. The tour will last up to two hours.

Our thanks to Bill and Loretta Edwards, Mt. Pleasant owners, for their continued cooperation in bringing out the history of our community in the stones of Mt. Pleasant.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community in Seattle, WA and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Saving Our Community Costs Money

The page one story about the Landmark Nomination of the Seventh Church of Christ Scientist celebrates another victory for preservation of our local history. This follows the successful campaign in 2006 to save the Treat House at 100 W. Highland Drive.

These campaigns cost considerable money for consultants, printing and other research expenses to present a professional nomination proposal. Much of the work was donated, but there are always a lot of other expenses.

If you appreciate the effort and the results, please consider a gift to QAHS to help cover these costs.

Use the coupon below or go online to donate. For more information, contact Char Eggleston at 206-378-1618.

Another AYP Centennial Event—A Walking Tour, Sat. Aug. 8

Our society will have a special August program with a twist this year. In celebration of the AYP centennial we will be doing a "walk" to view QA homes built in 1909 and apartment buildings constructed to help house the visitors to Seattle for the AYP. The program will start on Highland Drive and end at the Ankeny House where refreshments will be served. We will be sending out a flyer in July with starting time and route details. Information

will also be available on our web site qahistory.org.

September Dinner Meeting at the Swedish Cultural Center

The September 30th membership meeting will be very different. For the first time in the society's history we will be holding a special dinner meeting and program.

The Swedish enclave played a prominent role in AYP. The local community erected a Swedish Building on site. According to reports, it consisted of a reading room and large gathering hall. A year ago the Swedish Cultural Center discovered they were in possession of one of the sign-in logs of people who visited that building.

The book starts at the fair's beginning June 1, 1909 and spans until August 21, 1909. It is not known what happened to the second volume of the log. Of course, many of the comments are in Swedish. This log will be on display starting in June at the SCC.

We are also working with Dan Kerlee (Magnolia resident) to display part of his AYP collection; along with items the QAHS has discovered in their archives.

Our featured speaker will be Michael Herschensohn, QA resident and City of Seattle Program Manager of AYP Centennial Celebration.

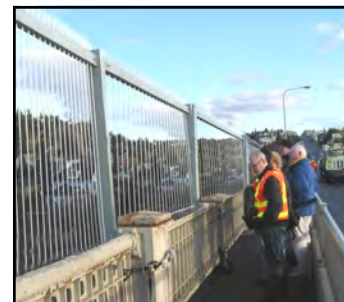
This will be a dinner meeting with authentic Swedish fare, so there will be a charge for this event.

Please join in a wonderful evening. Details regarding price and time will follow in our September Cobblestone and be posted on our website qahistory.org.

Aurora Bridge Suicide Barrier

The proposal to install a suicide prevention barrier on the Aurora Bridge just won't go away. The Architectural Review Comm. (ARC) of the Landmarks Preservation Board is reviewing the latest version of a proposed fence. The \$7.8M project would install 10 foot high vertical screens on the bridge.

Both the Fremont Historical Society and the Queen Anne Community Council are opposed to this plan, for reasons of historical



Mockup of Aurora Bridge Suicide Prevention Fence in March, 2009.

preservation and questionable effectiveness. In addition, there is great concern that even if a design is approved that meets the ARC criteria, it may not be implemented by the state, as has happened before.

Our society's landmark preservation committee is monitoring this plan.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200 & up
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior	\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution only,	\$ _____

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne: Community on the Hill*, or the new *Stairs Map*. Mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover book: \$25
(\$20 for members)

Hard cover book: \$45
(\$40 for members)

Stairs Map: \$5

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Hard cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Stairs Map qty: _____; Cost _____

Plus mailing costs at \$3/book

or \$1.50/map: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

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Coming up: How MOHAI is helping the Northwest rediscover the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Wed. May 27 at 7:30 pm. Story on page one.



AYPE logo seal.

KIM'S MUSINGS

We're All In This Together

Once upon a time there was an idea, and from that idea grew a historical society, dedicated to bringing historical awareness into its community. It grew in stature, recognized by those living in its vicinity that there was rich legend and lore about their community which many had never stopped to consider.

As the organization grew, more and more community members joined. Some because of the many quality programs which were offered by the society; others because of the varied and interesting walking tours which the society gave from time to time. Still others were drawn to the programs which honored worthy buildings within the community, and others for the historic recognition of both persons and places within the neighborhoods. All of these went into building a strong organization, which would not exist without each of you in the community who

willingly give your support to the organization. Support that enables it to continue to challenge you with excerpts from our historical past and entertain you with past, present and future programs, events and adventures.

During this centennial year of both our neighborhood Queen Anne High School and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition it is important to consider that without the participation of residents of the Queen Anne community back in the years immediately preceding 1909, neither high school nor exposition would have happened. But local residents did join in, and those two events in fact helped the growth of this region as well as our community.

Don't forget to renew your membership this year, as there are still some very special programs and walks to share with you. Kim R. Turner

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHS

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.